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IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, ALBERT.

SO, TELL ME...
WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT WE HAD TO MEET HERE, COG?
IT'S THE PLACE WHERE MY BROTHER DIED. IT'S BEEN QUITE A LONG TIME NOW, BUT I ENJOY COMING HERE-- HELPS TO REMIND ME OF ALL THE KINGDOMS THAT HAVE RISEN AND FALLEN SINCE THAT DAY.
TRUTH BE TOLD, IT'S ONE OF THE FEW PLACES I FEEL AT PEACE.
A QUESTION BEFORE WE START... HOW DID YOU GET OFF OMEGA ISLAND?*
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S CLEVER.
NOW--WHAT IS IT YOU WISHED TO SPEAK TO ME ABOUT?
*See Spawn's Universe #1 - Thomas
THE TEAR IN TIME I CREATED... IT'S CAUSING CHAOS.
YOU WERE A HELLSPAWN ONCE AND SEEM TO KNOW MORE THAN OTHERS. DO YOU THINK WHAT I DID IS REVERSIBLE?

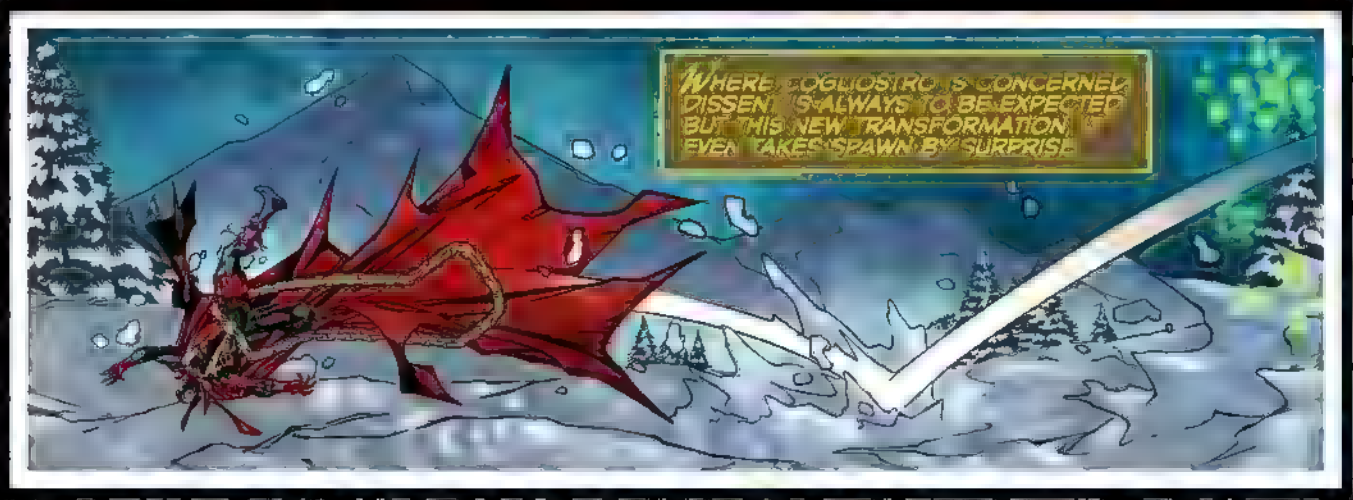
I DO.
BUT MY HELP REQUIRES SOMETHING IN RETURN.
LIKE WHAT?
OH, COME NOW, ALBERT. YOU'RE SMART, WHAT DO YOU THINK IT COULD BE?
I NEED A 'DEAD ZONE' UNLOCKED... JUST ONE. AND JUST FOR A FEW MOMENTS SO I CAN GET TO THE OTHER SIDE.
YOU DO THAT, I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO CLOSE THE TEAR IN TIME AND SEND EVERYONE BACK TO THEIR ORIGINAL TIMES.
WHY? SO, YOU CAN TAKE OVER MALEBOLGIA'S EMPTY THRONE?
SOMEONE'S EVENTUALLY GOING TO SIT IN IT.
WHO DO YOU THINK THAT SHOULD BE? YOU? THE CLOWN?

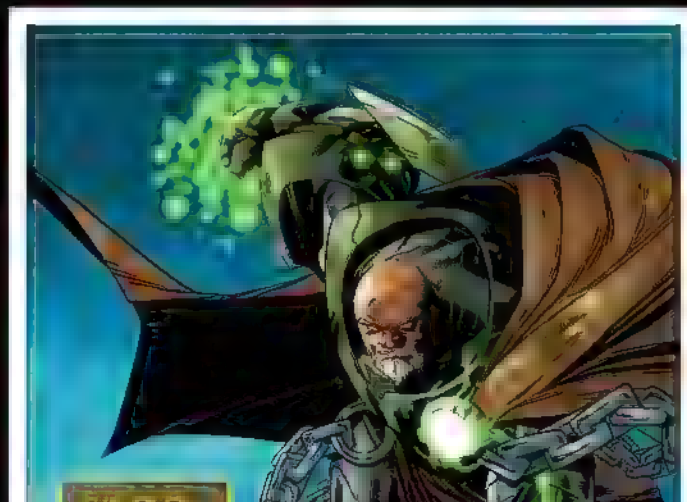
BE REALISTIC.
I KNOW YOU'VE NO DESIRE TO RULE HELL, NO MATTER WHAT ALL THE OTHERS SAY.
"I'VE HEARD WHISPERS ABOUT YOU... ABOUT HOW SOME ARE CALLING YOU KING SPAWN. IS IT TRUE?
"THAT'S RIDICULOUS, AND WE BOTH KNOW IT.
"YOU'RE A SOLDIER.
"A GOOD ONE, A GREAT ONE EVEN, BUT A SOLDIER, NONETHELESS."
A FOLLOWER, NOT A LEADER.
NOT A KING.
SOMEONE HAS TO SIT ON HELL'S THRONE, THOUGH. IT'S AGAINST THE NATURAL ORDER FOR IT TO BE EMPTY... AND IT'LL CAUSE YOU EVEN MORE CHAOS IF IT DOES.

AND YOU THINK THAT SHOULD BE YOU?
IF YOU'RE NOT TAKING IT ON, THEN I'M THE BEST OPTION YOU'VE GOT.
I AM NOT MALEBOLGIA OR MAMMON, ALBERT. I HAVE NO DESIRE TO REPLAY THEIR OLD WARS.
SOMEONE HAS TO PROTECT EARTH. YOU CAN DO IT FROM HERE, I'LL HELP YOU FROM HELL'S SIDE. IT'S WHY OMEGA IMPRISONED ME, HE WANTED IT *FOR HIMSELF!*
AND HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE! IF YOU OR I DON'T FILL THE THRONE'S VOID, SOON IT'LL BE TOO LATE. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS OPEN ONE DEAD ZONE AND YOUR PROBLEMS ARE SOLVED.
SO... YOUR MOVE.

KRAK
NO!
THAT'S MY SIMPLE ANSWER!
SPAWN CURSES HIMSELF FOR THINKING COGLIOSTRO WAS THE ONE WHO COULD HELP HIM.
I AM NOT YOUR APPRENTICE, COG. NOT ANYMORE!
AND I'M NOT HERE TO BARGAIN.
I WANT TO CLOSE THE TEAR IN TIME, I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT ANY THRONE!
sigh
I'D HOPED WE'D BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THIS SENSIBLY...

...JUST REMEMBER THAT I TRIED TO AVOID THIS!
WHATEVER HAPPENS FROM HERE ON OUT-- IT'S ON YOU!!


WHERE TODD MCFARLANE IS CONCERNED, DISSENT IS ALWAYS TO BE EXPECTED. BUT THIS NEW TRANSFORMATION EVEN TAKES SPAWN BY SURPRISE.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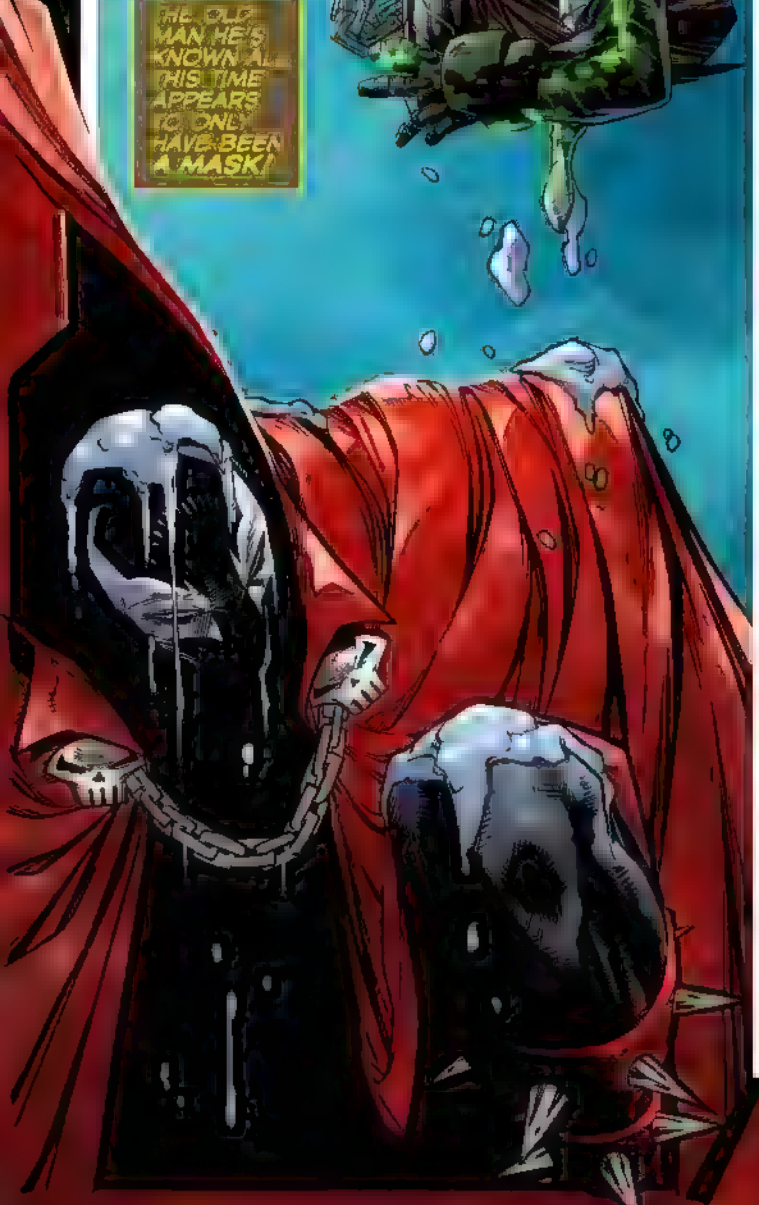

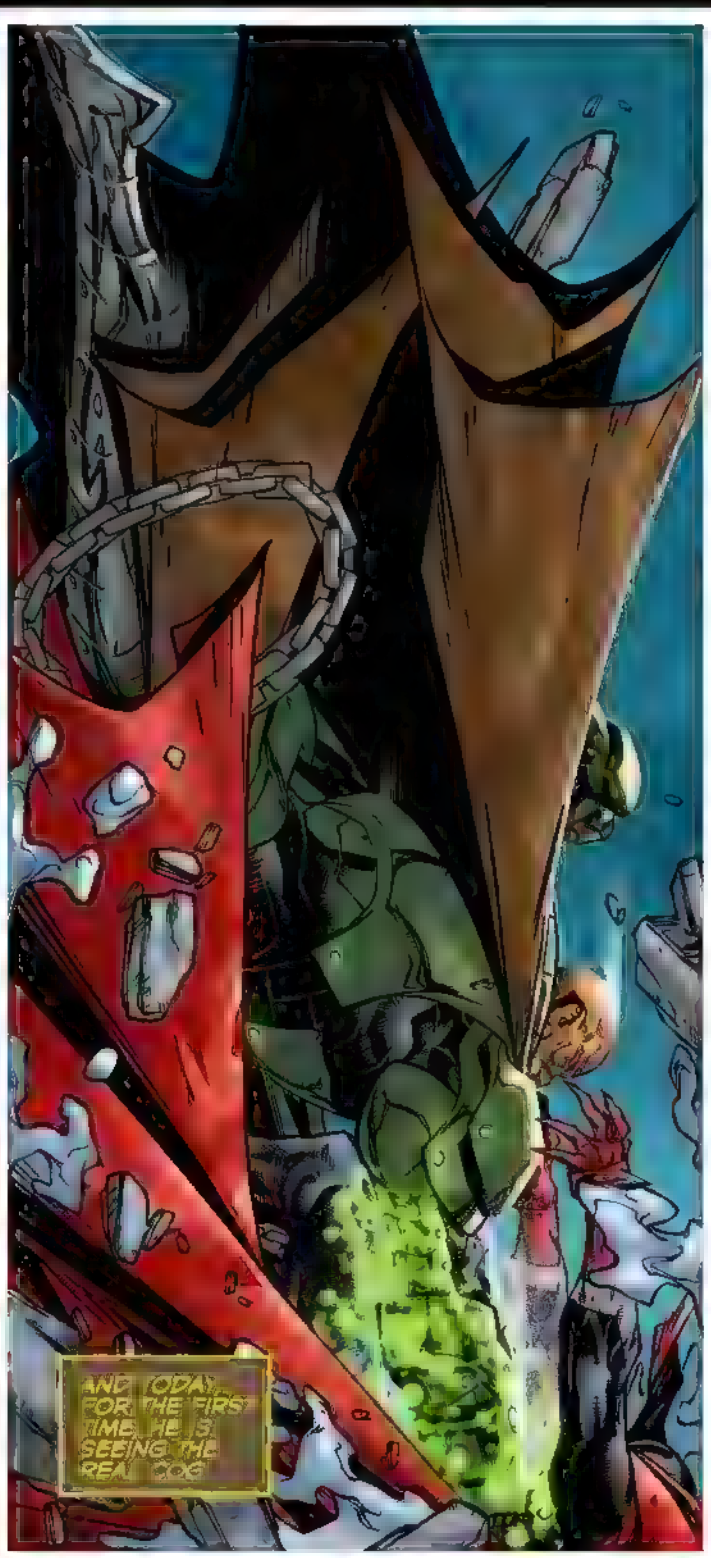
AND TODAY FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE IS SEEING THE REAL TODD

DID YOU THINK I'D COME HERE IF I THOUGHT YOU COULD BEAT ME?
YOU CAN'T. THAT'S WHY YOU'LL NEVER BE A KING.
KINGS
THRONES
DEAD ZONES
BRAWN IS BACK OF ALL OF IT!
BUT IT MAY BE TOO LATE, AS HE FEELS HIS POWERS DRAINING AWAY

REALIZING HA
COGLIOSTRO
DIDN'T COME
HERE TO TALK
HE CAME TO
SE A TRAP!
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW LONG I'VE WAITED FOR THIS DAY, SIMMONS!
HOW LONG, I'VE BEEN FORCED TO DEPEND ON OTHERS FOR MY SURVIVAL.
DO YOU KNOW HOW DEGRADING THAT IS?
BUT NOW... NOW, I DON'T NEED OTHERS TO GIVE ME THEIR POWER.

NOW I CAN JUST TAKE IT FOR MYSELF!
AAARGH
AND I OWE IT ALL TO YOU!

BECAUSE THE RIGHT PIECES DIDN'T EXIST HERE ON EARTH, BUT YOU FIXED THAT.
OMEGA. PLAGUE SPAWN. THAT WAS THE COMBO, FOR THE SPARK I NEEDED.
MY THOUSAND YEAR WAIT IS FINALLY OVER.
I HAD BEGUN TO LOSE HOPE. BUT YOU'VE RESTORED IT. I'VE BECOME SINN BECAUSE OF YOU.
IF WHAT HE'S SAYING IS TRUE, THEN SPAWN IS ONCE AGAIN CONFRONTED WITH AN UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE OF HIS ACTIONS TO DESTROY CLOWN!
#Issues 300 and 301 - Thomas
THE ENEMIES HE HELPED BRING HERE BECAME TOOLS IN CREATING ANOTHER MORE DEVASTATING PARASITE.
ONE THAT MAKES FIGHTING A MISMATCH.

YOU!
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT'S BEEN HUNTING ALL THOSE HELLPAWNS.
YES. THEY'VE ALL BECOME USEFUL IN WHAT I'M PLANNING. THE IDIOTS.
OPENING THAT HOLE SPED UP GROUNDWORK THAT WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE MEANT CENTURIES MORE WAITING!
NOW THERE'S ONLY ONE LAST PIECE LEFT TO GATHER.
BECAUSE YOU'RE...

...GOING TO OPEN A DAMN DEAD ZONE!
THE POWER OF AN ARMY'S WORTH OF SPAWNS COURSES THROUGH SINN'S VEINS, INCREASING WITH EACH PASSING SECOND.
IT IS EXHILARATING.
YOU'RE ONLY DELAYING THE INEVITABLE, ALBERT.
I'M GOING TO EXTRACT YOUR POWER TO UNLOCK THE DEAD ZONES THEN DO IT MYSELF!
YOU'RE WRONG...
I DON'T HAVE THOSE POWERS ANYMORE.

SO, KILL ME, BECAUSE I CAN'T UNLOCK THE DEAD ZONES!
WHAT?
I'VE HIDDEN THAT POWER SOMEWHERE YOU'LL NEVER FIND IT!
SO, DRAIN ME TO A HUSK...
...YOU'RE JUST WASTING TIME!
?
GET... AWAY.
THE FIRST LESSON AL SIMMONS LEARNED IN THE MILITARY WHENEVER ENTERING HOSTILE TERRITORY ESPECIALLY AGAINST AN UNPREDICTABLE ENEMY

ALWAYS HAVE BACK UP ON STANDBY
PWOMP

CY-GOR, TAKE ME OUT OF HERE!
THE CREATURE'S SURPRISE ATTACK BUYS THEM ONLY A MOMENT
IT'S ALL THAT'S NEEDED
RETREATING GOES AGAINST SPAWN'S EVERY INSTINCT, BUT HE CAN'T RISK SINN DRAINING MORE POWER FROM HIM THAN HE ALREADY HAS
THE BATTLE FOR NOW IS DONE
BUT IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS TO COME, MANY WILL HOLD THIS NIGHT UP AS THE TURNING POINT WHEN EVERYTHING CHANGED

WHEN THE WAR FOR HELL'S THRONE ACTUALLY BECAME OFFICIAL...
AND YOU'RE SURE THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME TO ATTACK?
YOU DON'T HAVE AN OPTION. AL HAD HIS CHANCE AND FAILED. IF THINGS HAD GONE ANOTHER WAY TONIGHT... IF SINN HAD MANAGED TO UNLOCK THE DEAD ZONES-- NONE OF US WOULD BE SAFE.
AL SAID HE'S MANAGED TO HIDE IT SOMEWHERE, BUT I'LL FIND IT.
I LEARNED-- NOTHING STAYS SECRET FOREVER. SOMEONE ALWAYS BETRAYS THAT TRUST.
WHERE DO YOU THINK IT MIGHT BE LOCATED?
NOT SURE. HASN'T REVEALED ANYTHING WHILE CY-GOR'S AROUND, AND I DOUBT HE'S TOLD ANYONE ELSE.
FORTUNATELY, I DON'T NEED HIM TO TELL US HOW...
HOLD ON. SOMEONE'S COMING!

HAUNT, GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
WHO WERE YOU TALKING TO?
NO ONE, JUST THINKING OUT LOUD. BAD HABIT OF MINE. HOW ARE YOU, ANYWAY? YOU MADE A DECISION, YET?
I HAVE, AND I'M IN. WANTED TO INVESTIGATE ANOTHER LEAD FIRST, I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO WORK OUT, THOUGH.
THAT'S FRUSTRATING, I'M SURE.
YOU DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT. AND I'M STILL *NO CLOSER* TO FINDING A CURE. SO IF YOU'RE CAPABLE OF HELPING WITH THAT PART, THEN I'M YOUR GUY.
I WAS HOPING YOU'D SAY THAT, IT'S WHY I'VE ALREADY BEGUN RUNNING A FEW TESTS.
YOU'VE GOT MY WORD, OF COURSE, THAT ONCE WE TAKE DOWN AL, EVERYTHING THEN SHIFTS TO CURING YOUR SITUATION.

"FOR NOW, THOUGH-- ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE REST OF THE TEAM."
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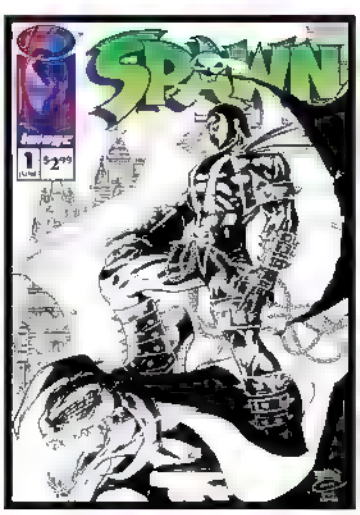

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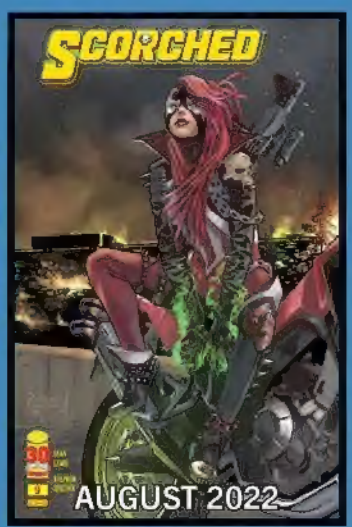

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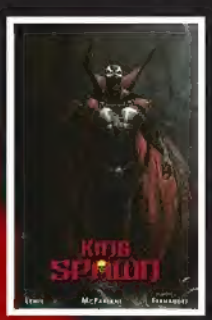

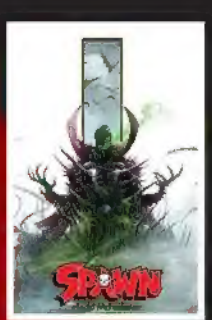

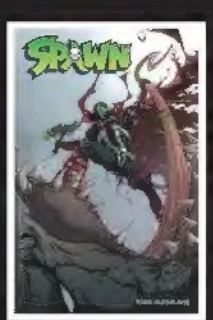

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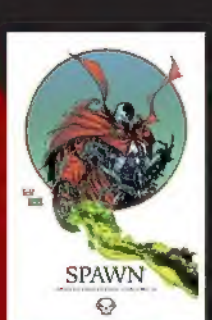

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